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To Whom It may Concern,

They currently proposed settlement with Microsoft is ludicrous. It lets one of the most predatory and illegal mainstream businesses of the last 30 years use its settlement to escape real punishment while obtaining tax deductible marketing. This settlement will only increase Microsoft's anti-competitive practices, gain them a stronger foothold with our youth, and once and for all destroy any software business within the US that is not under Microsoft's thumb. If you want to make the software market open:

1. Force Microsoft to stop engineering software with the primary goal of incompatibility with competitors.
2. Take their offer to fund schooling as cold, hard cash, buy hardware and let the schools choose whether to buy software or use freely available software.
3. Force Microsoft to issue a publicly available reference to everyone of their APIs that use no proprietary software.

Please don't let Microsoft continue to destroy the software industry.

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